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MEDIA ADVISORY

25th Annual Falls Church City Memorial Day Parade and Festival

Monday, May 29, 2006

FALLS CHURCH, VA. - The City of Falls Church, Virginia will host its 25th Annual Memorial Day Parade and Festival on Monday, May 29, 2006. The event will be held rain or shine from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Falls Church City Hall grounds, located at 300 Park Ave. in Falls Church. Free admission!

Those who have served in the armed forces will be honored at a Veterans Ceremony with a keynote address by Falls Church Historian Ross Netherton. The Ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. at the Falls Church Veterans Memorial in front of the Falls Church City Community Center, 223 Little Falls St.

The day also features a Don Beyer 3K Fun Run at 9 a.m. and a Pet and Owner Costume Contest at 10:30 a.m. The Memorial Day Parade steps off at 2 p.m. under the direction of this year's Grand Marshall, Roger Neighborgall. A highly decorated U.S. Army Ranger, Neighborgall served his country in both World War II and the Korean War. He is a Silver Star, Bronze Star, and Combat Infantry Badge recipient and has received numerous presidential recognitions. Neighborgall is a City resident who regularly speaks about his WWII experiences and often appears on the History Channel and at local high school and civic associations.

Throughout the day, food vendors, crafters, businesses and civic organizations line the streets, while live entertainment performs on stage. Performing acts include the Annapolis Bluegrass Band, the Viki Nova Band, the Falls Church Concert Band, and the Ken Smith Band. Amusement rides and pony rides are also offered. Visitors are invited to learn about emergency preparedness and the City's Hurricane Katrina relief efforts at awareness booths at the festival. A complete schedule is available at www.fallschurchva.gov.

For more information, please call the Memorial Day Hotline at 703-248-5178.

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WHERE: City Hall Grounds
300 Park Ave., Falls Church, VA 22046

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